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## **St. Maarten and St. Martin "SXM" Weekly News**

*Weekly Tourist-Oriented News & Comments from SXM*

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Each week JMB randomly picks timeshare condominiums for rent and for sale in SXM from the huge selection at [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml) and features them here.

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### **SXM Timeshare Rentals of The Week (Three):**

**RENTAL** 03/01/2015 03/08/2015 Week 9 Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Studio unit. Sleeps 2. Unit 10B in Croton Building. Full kitchen. Dining area. TV and Safe. Patio. Grille. Free WiFi. Refurbished unit. 4 pools. Walk to ocean and restaurants. \$850 + \$50 timeshare tax Dutchy 781-587-1599 [ddutch@aol.com](mailto:ddutch@aol.com)

**RENTAL** 03/07/2015 03/14/2015 Week 10 Simpson bay resort Totally renovated with the highest level unit of caladium building w fabulous views. Upper 1 bdrm And lower (larger unit) available for rent. Will separately or together. C22A and C22B Villa 309a waterfront also available \$1,250 Lynn 5072190594 [Plcunn@charter.net](mailto:Plcunn@charter.net)

**RENTAL** 1/31/15 to 2/7/15 (week 5) Simpson Bay Resort Marina 207, a sleep-four studio overlooking both the Marina pool and Pelican beach (a short walk to Marina Residences, next door). Many beaches, great restaurants, piano bar (The Red Piano), more nightlife, casinos, a Deli, and other shops and nearby. A clothing optional beach is about two miles away. Unit features stove, microwave, cable TV, WiFi is on site, sleeps four, very convenient. \$1099. This unit is also for sale at just \$2499! Timeshare tax (\$50) is renter's responsibility. Please contact Susan at (508) 747-8281 or email [susan@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.com)

### **SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week (Now Two):**

**SALE:** January 17 to January 24, 2015 (week 3) Sapphire Beach Club on Cupecoy Beach, sleep-four unit faces Cupecoy Beach and the Caribbean sea. Includes a Jacuzzi whirlpool hot tub on the balcony, king size bed, full a/c, cable TV, DVD player, refrigerator with ice maker, marble bath, beautiful furnishings throughout. Resort has shops, restaurants, min-mart, plus a large pool, whirlpool, and bar -- all on the ocean. Close to Atlantis Casino, many great restaurants including Temptation, plus Mullet Bay Beach, the Cupecoy clothing-optional beach, Baie Longue, and Baie Rouge on the French Side, and did I say incredible restaurants? Asking only \$4499 to buy (negotiable). We also have weeks four and five available to rent or buy at nearby resorts; will discount if you buy or rent two weeks or more. Photos available. Phone Jeff at (508) 747-8281 or email Susan [susan@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.com)

**SALE:** 1/24/2015 through 3/21/2015: Weeks 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 Simpson Bay Resort & Marina 2 Bedroom Villa: 211A - 211B (Master and Junior

Suites) together accommodate 6 people. Master suite consists of King size bed/master bedroom, 2 Murphy beds/living room, full kitchen, dining/living room, spacious bathroom with separate double vanity area. Beautiful, large deck overlooks Simpson Bay. Junior suite – (lock out) 2 full beds, a small kitchen, dorm size refrigerator, microwave, toaster, coffee maker. The bathroom is spacious with a separate double vanity area. Decks overlook Simpson Bay & Pool. Sale price per week: \$19,000.00 Matthew O'Donnell 609-780-6845 [mess113@yahoo.com](mailto:mess113@yahoo.com)

### ***Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:***

See them all at [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml)

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## **THIS WEEK'S STORIES:**

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### ***SECTION 1: Getting There: Airlines, Airports, Cruises, & Weather***

#### **1. Weather Is Not As Crazy Here As It Is In the US...**

The recent news of fires, floods, September snows, and all around crazy weather in the United States is in sharp contrast to the current weather in St. Maarten, which is its normal September hot, humid, sort with occasional widely scattered showers.

As we've mentioned before, the outlook for next winter in the USA and Canada is worse than last year's brutal winter; but in St. Maarten the forecast is outstanding.

Any questions?

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#### **2. Sailing To SXM**

If you are considering sailing to St. Maarten this fall, know that pricing this time of year on cruise ships is about the lowest you'll ever encounter for any season. Between now and mid-November, seagoing travel is light and cruise lines pull out the stops to fill their cabins, at least to the extent possible. Great time for a cruise to SXM....

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#### **3. Sailing In SXM**

If you're a JMB Website Supporters member, go to the secret website and check our Benefits Master Index for discounts on many sailing opportunities originating in St. Maarten and going to either sailing points of interest nearby or to nearby islands.

Although there are many fine sailing opportunities in St. Maarten, we have to tell you that we have more experience with Capt. Neil of the Celine catamaran than with all others put together. We have been on his pub crawl numerous times, we've gone on his Friday fun sale to Tintamarre on several wonderful occasions, and of course we've been on the weekly lagoon sunset cruise for our JMB Website Supporters members on many occasions.

Neil really knows what he's doing, and on the Friday fun sail especially, when he has a chance to show off his culinary skills he really really shines. You can find out much more about Neil at [www.sailStMaarten.com](http://www.sailStMaarten.com).

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## 4. Want to Buy a Yacht?

No, we do not have a yacht or sailboat to sell you. A close friend who has owned his sailboat for many years once told us that a boat is hole in the water into which you throw an unending stream of money, and that's the story.

However many people enjoy boats, and many people from the cold USA this time of year begin think about the possibility of buying a yacht and using it as a year-round home.

If that's your thought, it's not uncommon and for many people it's quite doable financially.

If you're considering doing this in St. Maarten-- or anywhere -- we suggest you contact a lawyer familiar with the process so you don't get hoodwinked, regardless of where you decide to make the purchase. Know what you want, know how to make sure you get it, know how to get an inspection that is worth the price, and get everything in writing. It could be the beginning of a new and wonderful adventure for you.

## **SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares**

### 5. Caravanserai New Owner Disclosed; Who Is He?

The new owner of Caravanserai resort took over there last Monday. Everything we've heard so far is very positive in all respects and our hunch is that at the end of the day Caravanserai timeshare owners should in general be quite happy with what happens.

The name of the new owner is Ray Sidholm, apparently the same Ray Sidholm who has been a major player in the credit card processing business for a number of years.

We know he had the financial wherewithal to buy the resort with a full understanding that it needs quite a bit of changes not only to bring it up to competitive Caribbean standards, but also to finish a major building project that is now a dormant skeleton.

There is a great deal to be done with Caravanserai, but the potential of that property is quite enormous. New ownership appears committed to excellence and is already looking for a number of new employees to start things rolling in the right direction. Within the next couple of weeks, we're going to try to get in contact with Mr. Sidholm so we can report in detail what timeshare owners and others should expect.

As always, we'll keep you posted.

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## 6. Changes Planned for Caravanserai -- Including Its Name

We've heard a number of things over the last several weeks that were represented to us as plans for change at Caravanserai under the new ownership. We're not into publishing rumors, so we're not going to pass along what we've heard -- with one exception. Marty of the Dream Bar at Caravanserai has said that one of the plans is to change the name of the resort, which is not a bad idea at all. We have no idea whether consideration is being given to hooking up with a name brand for marketing purposes; it would not surprise us at all if that happens, and if it does, we're sure it would be one with a high-end reputation. But we don't know; we'll do our best to find out and pass along the information.

Timeshare owners, of course, are concerned with whether the attitude of the new owners will be better than that which has been displayed over the last several years by former owners. Our hunch is that there will be many improvements. By law, anyone buying the resort must honor existing contracts of timeshare owners.

As always, as we noted above, we'll keep you posted.

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## 7. The Unique Charm of The Island's Smaller Hotels

St. Maarten / St. Martin has a number of smaller hotels which have a unique charm and, usually, a dedicated long-term staff that really knows what it's doing.

In no special order, here are four such resorts that we have recommended for a number of years:

First, Mary's Boon Beach Plantation: located on beautiful Simpson Bay beach, Mary's Boon is a St. Maarten classic. When you're there, definitely ask about Mary — she was quite a character, and deserves to be depicted on the big screen. The resort itself has been renovated and upgraded by Mark and Karla Cleveland -- painstakingly over a number of years. Just do it. You won't be disappointed.

Second, La Vista Resort in pelican key. La Vista has a unique country charm that will make you fall in love instantly. Whether you choose the original resort on the hill or the new section by the sea, this place will make you happy. They have a beautiful ocean view pool and a great little restaurant called the Hideaway which has been an island favorite for many years. It has also been a selection in our restaurant of the week articles here in *St. Maarten Weekly News*.

Third, Summit Resort Hotel, which was the first place we visited when we went to St. Maarten on our own for the first time in 1979. Its tropically colored chalets are beautifully decorated and include widescreen TVs and free Internet access. An on premises restaurant on the pool deck and a co-located bar offer extraordinary views of the northern lagoon as well as mountains on the central and northern part of the island, plus the neighboring island of Anguilla and even Creole rock in the distance, which you can see through the telephoto lens of your digital camera.

Fourth, in our opinion L'Esplanade on the French Side of the island is one of the finest St. Martin hotels. Gorgeous inside and out, great facilities, meticulously cared-for, maintained, and superbly managed. Great property. Near both Grand Case and Orient Beach.

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## 8. What Are The Best Timeshares on SXM?

Below, we've selected a number of St. Maarten timeshares that we think are worth your consideration, either as a place to stay or for buying timeshares for sale, if you want to enjoy the same experience every year. You'll find many timeshares for sale or for rent directly from our members / timeshare owners on our [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

Although Summit resort hotel, mentioned in the preceding article, is no longer selling timeshare, occasionally you will see a Summit resort timeshare available for resale. When they're available, if you're in the market you should strongly consider them, for a number of good reasons. First, this resort is well-managed and well-maintained. Second, the annual maintenance fee has always been one of the most reasonable on the island. Third, the location is near Simpson Bay, Cupecoy, and the French side border, which makes it fast and easy to go practically anywhere. Fourth, the views are extraordinary. Fifth, the hotel bar is a great place to relax and it shares that extraordinary view.

Second, pelican resort/Simpson Bay resort. Although this resort has had more ups and downs than your average elevator, during recent years it has seen nothing but substantial improvements – and the fact that they were seriously overdue does not diminish the magnitude of the accomplishments.

Third, La Vista resort. See what we wrote about them in the preceding story; this is a great place and easily one of the island's top timeshares.

Fourth, Oyster Bay Beach Resort. Conveniently located next door to one of the island's finest restaurants, Daniels by the sea, and its daytime incarnation, Mr. Busby's beach bar, Oyster Bay has excellent accommodations, reasonable pricing, and is located right next to Dawn beach, one of the island's most beautiful.

Fifth, Divi resort on Great Bay beach in Philipsburg. Located next to an historic Fort, Divi has a commanding view of great Bay beach, its own ocean beach, multiple restaurants, and outstanding accommodations. Definitely give it a try.

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**Beat the price increase** by joining, renewing, or reinstating your JMB Website Supporters membership today. You'll receive about 200 discounts across the island including sizable jewelry gift cards, half-off members-only lagoon sunset cruises, discounts at dozens of restaurants, plus many activities, art, shopping, and other discounts on both sides of the island.

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**Renew** your current JMB membership at the Membership Renewal Center on the members-only [Secret Website](#).

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## 9. US-Style Road Signs Now In Place on Dutch Side

A number of people have been requesting it for years, and now it's finally happening: US-style road signs on the Dutch side of St. Maarten.

The bad news: no English signs are expected on the French Side, and certainly none like those in the US. The Dutch-side signs should materially help visitors unfamiliar with SXM.

Looking for the best SXM road map? Look here, and tell Michal, the cartographer, we sent you: <http://www.midok.com/aboutus.html> . One of many new benefits / discounts coming to JMB Website Supporters members is a discount on these outstanding maps. Coming soon...

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## 10. New Dutch Side Government Will Be a Work in Progress

Politics in St. Maarten is even more rugged, if that's the word, than it is in the US. It doesn't often lead to fistcuffs, as is the case sometimes in the UK, but the dialogue can get quite feisty.

As we mentioned previously, several political parties that lost the election have banded together to form a coalition government on the Dutch Side. Theo Heyliger's UP party, which won the election (received a plurality of all votes cast), was outflanked by the losers, who in aggregate got more votes.

We expect the next several months to be interesting from a political perspective, and we'll keep you posted about what happens in the Dutch side government.

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## 11. Why "Market Basket" Should Open in SXM (But Won't)

As many of you learned from North American media, the New England-based Market Basket supermarket chain made history last summer because of its love for its unseated president Arthur T. Demoulas.

For decades, Arthur T. and his cousin, Arthur S. Demoulas, fought over the popular chain, started by their ancestors in 1917.

The store offers what have been proven to be the lowest prices throughout New England. Its nonunion employees are paid substantially above minimum wage and many participate in a lucrative profit-sharing program. When Arthur S. gained control of the board, he had Arthur T fired as president. Subsequently, employees protested in front of the company's headquarters and customers boycotted the business virtually *en masse*, slashing its receipts by 95%. Harvard Business School will be discussing this case for decades.

Facing collapse, Arthur S sold the chain to Arthur T for \$1.5 billion.

In St. Maarten, no similar chain exists. All the markets charge high prices, blaming them on the cost of shipping to St. Maarten. In part, that's true, and port taxes play a role. But while the Market Basket boycott was underway, we couldn't help but think: what if some gutsy CEO simply chose to offer truly reasonable prices to customers who both needed and wanted them? His or her market would be immediately popular and incredibly busy. It's something for businesspeople on the island to think about...

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## 12. Seaweed Situation Smouldering Seaside

St. Martin's seaweed situation continues to simmer slowly by the sea side. Sargasso seaweed, from the Sargasso Sea (check it out in Wikipedia) sometimes moves with shifting currents and winds up on beaches where it is demonstrably unwelcome.

Fortunately, this tends to happen in the late summer and fall, when there are fewer tourists on the island. The good news is, it affects mainly Atlantic facing beaches-- a minority of the island's ocean beaches.

Sargasso seaweed is only of seasonal significance, since it sails away unceremoniously with shifting seaside currents. When you get here in November or after, it will be long gone.

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## 13. Where is Vesna?

Vivacious Vesna, the young lady who along with her husband doles out great American and Greek food at Vesna Taverna in Simpson Bay, recently left on a busman's holiday and is exactly where you might expected her to be – in Paris, learning more about her craft, as she and her husband Yannick did last year. She will be back in November, and we know that thousands of customers will look forward to seeing her then. In the meantime, the restaurant is open as usual for breakfast and lunch every day under the capable management of Sally and her helpers.

We first discovered Vesna a couple of years ago and very strongly recommend the restaurant.

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## 14. Top Ten Reasons To Make Your 2014-5 Reservations in a Hurry

10. Remember what happened to the dinosaurs when they waited too long to move south during the winter?
  9. St. Maarten has been selling a lot in South America and you know how much South Americans like to go where Americans are. If you don't come, they will literally eat your lunch (and dinner) at your favorite island restaurants.
  8. Mickey finally opened his new car rental agency. How would it look if you don't show up?
  7. It's time to live down what you did on the beach last winter. (We know, what happens in SXM stays in SXM, but we know what you did.) You thought we didn't notice, right? Wrong.
  6. Slush on your sidewalks.
  7. Icy driveways.
  8. Biting cold arctic blasts.
  9. That austere look you get when you come home tan and everyone else is pale.
  10. Blizzards.
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## 15. Which Newspapers to Read When You're In SXM

SXM has two English language daily newspapers, Today and the SXM Daily Herald. The latter also offers an online version you can subscribe to from the US. There is also an SXM-produced Miami Herald, offered free in most hotels; it covers international news and sports and has many local SXM ads.

There are no local Sunday newspapers.

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## 16. SXM Privilege To End Its Discounts; "Epicure" Is Coming

After several years of promoting her SXM Privilege discount program, Victoria Cantin will drop that discount program at the end of this year and move to a new venture on which we hope to work with her. It will be an expanded web presence promoting SXM, probably including a fair amount of news and other material from everythingstmaarten.com and SXM Weekly News. Our own JMB Website Supporters SXM Discount Plan will not only continue, it will grow to more than 200 discount partners. And the cost of membership will stay affordable, especially for those buying longer-term memberships.

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## 17. More Discounts Than Ever Coming for JMB Website Supporters Members

We're aiming for at least 210-215 total discounts by January. If your favorite SXM businesses don't offer discounts to JMB members, have them contact us now at [jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com), subject Interested In Offering Discounts -- and have them tell us you referred them. We'll need their name, business name, and email to send them info (no cost to them) and when they sign up, the referring JMB member gets a one-year JMB membership extension on us. Not a JMB member yet? Then [join](#) and start spending less in SXM....

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